

# **UNITED STATES EMBASSY BRUSSELS. BELGIUM**

## **Security/Emergency Message for U.S. Citizens: Protests in Brussels on October 11 and 12, 2014.**

The U.S. Embassy Brussels informs all U.S. citizens of the following protests that will take place in Brussels on September 18.

A protest for animal welfare and child protection will be held on Saturday, at the Rue Neuve (blue on map) from 13:00 to 18:00 hours. 40 participants are expected. Belgian police will be present.

A vigil in support of environmental protection is organized at the Place de la Bourse (green on map) on Saturday, October 11 from 14:00 to 17:00 hours. 20 participants are expected. Belgian police will be present.

A march in support of poverty reduction programs will take place from North Station to Central Station (red on map) on Sunday, October 12 from 12:00 to 1:00 hours. 1,500 participants are expected.

Demonstrations intended to be peaceful can turn confrontational and escalate into violence. You should avoid areas of demonstrations, and exercise caution if in the vicinity of any large gatherings, protests, or demonstrations.

We strongly recommend that U.S. citizens traveling to or residing in Belgium enroll in the Department of State's Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP) at <https://step.state.gov/step>. STEP enrollment gives you the latest security updates, and makes it easier for the U.S. embassy or nearest U.S. consulate to contact you in an emergency. If you don't have Internet access, enroll directly with the nearest U.S. embassy or consulate.

Regularly monitor the State Department's website at <http://travel.state.gov>, where you can find current Travel Warnings, (including the Travel Warning for Belgium if appropriate), Travel Alerts, and the Worldwide Caution, Read the Country Specific Information for Belgium at [http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis\\_pa\\_tw/cis/cis\\_4965.html](http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/cis/cis_4965.html). For additional information, refer to "Traveler's Checklist" on the Travel.State.Gov website.

Contact the U.S. embassy or consulate for up-to-date information on travel restrictions. You can also call 1-888-407-4747 toll-free from within the United States and Canada, or 1-202-501-4444 from other countries. These numbers are available from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays).

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The U.S. Embassy in Brussels is located at Blvd du Regent 27, 1000 Brussels and is open Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (except U.S. federal and Belgian holidays). If you are a U.S. citizen in need of urgent assistance, the emergency number for the U.S. Embassy is: +32(0)2-811-4000.

